

## Senate Resolution 1548

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and Thomas of the 54th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Diane Caves; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the tragic passing of Mrs. Diane Caves on January 12, 2010, during the earthquake in  
4 Haiti; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Caves was born on September 19, 1978, in Knoxville, Tennessee, the  
6 beloved daughter of Lee and Linda Berry and graduated in the top of her class from Oak  
7 Ridge High School in 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in French and policy studies from Rice  
9 University and a master's degree in public administration from Georgia State University,  
10 where she was honored with the Public Administration Achievement Award in 2008 and was  
11 pursuing a master's degree in public health at the time of her passing; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Caves worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
13 as a policy analyst in the Office of Health Preparedness and Response, and she was named  
14 2009 Federal Employee of the Year for Atlanta in the Outstanding Professional Category at  
15 the age of 30; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2008, Mrs. Caves led the development of the CDC's first comprehensive  
17 nation-wide report on public health preparedness, which launched a regular series of reports  
18 that demonstrate accountability and drive program improvements to help protect the United  
19 States from public health emergencies; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Caves was united in love and marriage to Jeff Caves on January 2, 2004,  
21 and the couple resided in Atlanta with their beloved rescue dog, Preston; and

22 WHEREAS, an avid soccer player and world traveler, Mrs. Caves hiked both the Andes and  
23 European Alps and enjoyed downhill skiing, reading, ultimate frisbee, and knitting; and

24 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
26 her family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
29 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Caves will long be remembered  
31 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, sister, and friend will be missed by  
32 all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Diane Caves and express their deepest and most  
35 sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Diane Caves.